



Berry Burn Community Fund

5th Annual Report 2019



Strathspey Camanachd – Application 15-09



Background: In 2013 Statkraft, owners of the Berry Burn Wind Farm agreed to set up a Community Fund. Over a series of meetings, the proposed Fund Members discussed and finalised details and together with Statkraft, were able to sign off the Constitution on the 29th August 2014. This allowed the Berry Burn Community Fund to be formally launched and to invite applications for funding from within the agreed zoned area.

The role of the Fund Members is set out in the Constitution.

What are the Fund's objectives, in which zones does it operate and who can apply for funding?

The Fund's objectives are to fairly and reasonably disburse funds resulting from the receipt of the Annual Grant, which takes the form of an annual payment to the Fund from Berry Burn Wind Farm Limited, company number 04511914 ('BBWFL'). Statkraft, who own BBWFL, paid £186,103.00 in 2019 and this payment shall increase (but not decrease) annually in line with the RPI. The payment shall be for the general benefit of the public living within the Community Council boundaries of Forres, East Nairnshire, Grantown-on-Spey, Cromdale & Advie, Speyside, Heldon, Findhorn and Kinloss, Finderne and Dyke Landward, to be disbursed by the Fund as the Fund sees fit.

The Fund can comprise up to eleven members of the general public selected from within the designated operating zones, together with one representative of Statkraft.

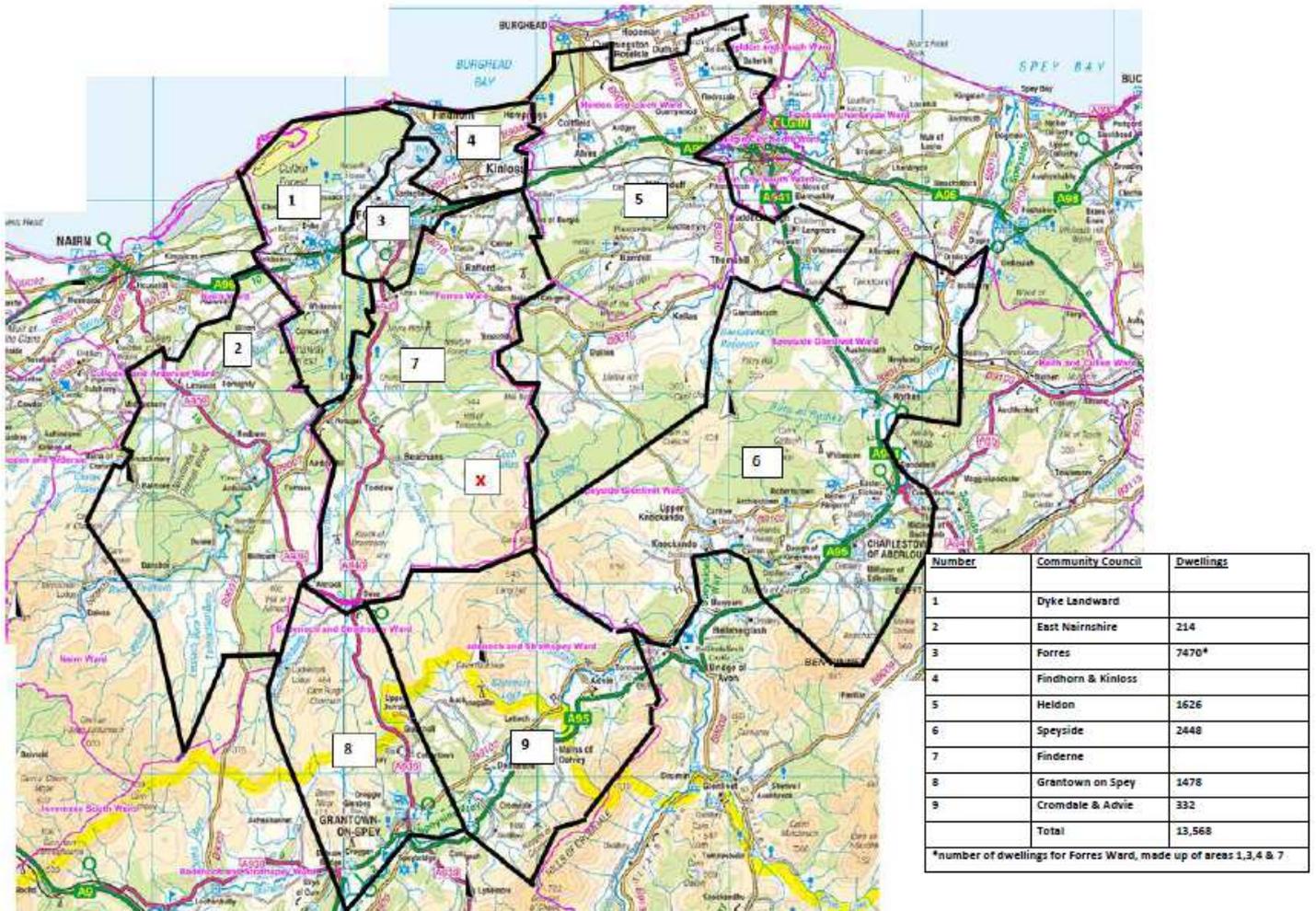
Applications are open to members of clubs, societies or groups operating within the relevant zones and looking for financial support. Applications from individuals will also be considered, provided that those applications demonstrate a clear benefit to the wider community.

How often does the Berry Burn Community Fund make awards?

Funding rounds currently take place three times a year. Dates can be found on the Berry Burn Community Fund website at <http://berryburncommunityfund.co.uk/timetable/>



Berry Burn Community Fund Zones



How are applications made?

Any organisation wanting to apply for funding will need to submit an application form, along with a copy of their complete and independently-examined accounts, including a balance sheet, for the past two years, three competitive quotes and a copy of the organisation's Constitution. All paperwork must be submitted by email to admin@berryburncommunityfund.co.uk

Additional information can be found, together with the necessary application forms, on the Berry Burn Community Fund website: www.berryburncommunityfund.co.uk



Who makes the funding decisions?

There are currently eleven members of the Berry Burn Community Fund, all unpaid and based within the Fund zone. They share a commitment to improving community life within the area. Vacancies for Fund members occasionally arise, and are advertised on the Community Fund's website and in the local press

How do the Fund members make their decisions?

Applications are judged fairly and equally, based on the information supplied on the form and the accompanying documentation. A Fund member is appointed, after the closing date, to review and report on each application and will ask the applicant for any extra background information, should it be required.

Can an applicant re-apply if unsuccessful first time round?

Any applicant rejected for funding is welcome to re-apply at a later date, unless previously advised by the Administrator that they do not meet the criteria for funding.

Will the Community Fund let applicants know why an application was unsuccessful?

The Fund is not obliged to advise unsuccessful applicants of the reason behind the rejection of their application. If, however, the reason for rejection was a failure to include the necessary supporting documentation, this may well be highlighted in the rejection email.

Who are the Fund Members?

David Houldsworth (Chair)
David Swan (Vice Chair)
Harvey Morton (Treasurer)

Graham Hilditch	Sharon Robinson
Jana Hutt	Alec Laing
Graham Murdoch	Jim Beveridge
Sally Gingell	Douglas Cowie

Who is the Fund Administrator?

Alison Clark



Chairman's Report 2019

This will be my last report as Chair. I step down at the AGM in March. By then we will have made awards exceeding £1M in total. It is gratifying to see how relatively small sums to individual projects in Moray have been able to make a big difference. For example in the last year we have funded a feasibility study into identifying a viable future use for Leancoil Hospital Forres. I am hopeful that this will bear fruit in the coming year.

I am grateful as ever to our Administrator Alison Clark for her dedicated work on behalf of the Fund, as well as to Statkraft for their grant from Berry Burn windfarm profits of £186 k in the last year, and lastly but not least to our fund members. These dedicated individuals give their time willingly to ensure a fair allocation of funds amongst the many applications we receive. We cannot help everybody but we do our best to make awards to those not just most in need but also where we perceive a strong community benefit will be the result.

I wish my successor and both current and past fund members with whom it has been a pleasure to work all good wishes for the future.

David Houldsworth

Chair.

Treasurer's Report 2019

This year the Fund awarded 26 Grants totalling £154,624.50, paid mainly by 'electronic transfer' The Fund finances are in good condition carrying forward a balance into next year providing a sound financial base for the Committee to work from in 2020.

<u>IN</u>		<u>OUT</u>	
Balance b/f 1/1/19	£128,889.86	Awards paid	£ 132,925.91
Statkraft Grant	£186,103.16	Liabilities	£ 128,091.33 Grants awarded yet unpaid.
Repayment	£ 401.73	Admin	£ 7,565.52
		Balance	£ 46,811.99
Total	£315,394.75		£315,394.75

The full accounts and financial records will be examined early in the New Year by a suitably qualified independent examiner.

Harvey Morton, Treasurer
December 2019.



Administrator's Report 2019

The administration of the Fund is running smoothly after the reviewing and updating of protocol and data processing over the last couple of years. This has hopefully made the application process more straightforward for applicants and standardised the reviewing process for Fund members.

The completion process is also working well and a short paragraph from the applicant's report is incorporated via a link in the Berry Burn Community Fund website, together with photographs of the project where possible.

The Berry Burn Community Fund Awards Record is regularly updated on Dropbox and enables Fund Members to see at a glance the progress of each project, payments made, completion due dates, etc. This document is not the record of the Fund's income and expenditure which is held and maintained by the Fund treasurer.

Positive and extensive local press coverage throughout the year has again reflected well on the work of the Fund, with not only details of each award round, but also in numerous follow up articles, in the Forres Gazette especially, highlighting the development of various projects and acknowledging the contribution made by the Fund, although there is still room for improvement in getting the word out to potential applicants across the whole of the Fund zone.

Alison Clark, BBCF Administrator
December 2019



Funding Awarded in 2019

Round 15 – February 2019. Funding Awarded: £39,605.50

Forres Community Council £20,000.00 for a feasibility study of the uses for Leancoil Hospital, Forres

Grantown YM Community Centre £7,712.00 for assistance to continue to employ a community centre co-ordinator

Rafford Village Hall £6,000.00 to create disabled parking and an access path and to resurface the car park



Grantown Try Tri £2,200.00 to fund the development of a website and link to a 3rd party booking agency for the Grantown Try Tri held annually

The Grantown Society £1,954.60 to help facilitate the 2019 Fiddler of Strathspey Festival, specifically to fund the provision of a marquee for the event

Strathspey Camanachd £1,048.90 to help with funding for ongoing pitch letting costs for the 2019 season

Cairngorm Studios £690.00 to assist The Pagoda in Grantown to take part in the National Puppet Animation Festival, staging performances for children





Round 16 – June 2019. Funding Awarded: £73,557

Moray School Bank £15,000.00 to provide school uniforms for children living in poverty in the BBCF area

First Forres Scout Group £15,000.00 to purchase a new minibus

Findhorn Tennis Club £8,000.00 to replace the green, PVC coated, wire fencing around the tennis club on 3 sides plus two dividing fences



Grantown Tennis Club £8,000.00 to replace all 8 courts with new court lines and clay court dressing

Forres Area Community Trust £7,500.00 to fund Forres Online Digital Inclusion Project

St Laurence Parish Church £5,000.00 to support the maintenance costs of St. Laurence Church building

Moray Hydrotherapy Pool £3,684.00 to refurbish the hydrotherapy pool

Residents of the Old Station, Dava £3,000.00 to bring The Old Station, Dava joint water supply up to suitable grade to pass health standards

The Dava Way Association £2,840 to replace a tipping trailer to maintain and upgrade the footpath and cycleway



Moray Fresh Start £2,033.00 to provide starter packs for previously homeless individuals or families moving into BBCF area

Roths Golf Club £2,000.00 for a Junior Coaching Programme

1st Forres Guides and Forres Rangers £1,500.00 to help fund travel to participate in Scout & Guide expedition in Switzerland



Round 17 – October 2019. Funding Awarded: £41,462.00

Craigellachie Village Council £15,000.00 to build an extension onto the village hall in order to provide improved disabled facilities and offer increased storage capacity

Grantown Grammar School £7,000.00 to purchase and install a kiln for the Art department

Step by Step in Moray £6,250.00 to provide continued support for isolated and vulnerable Forres parents with children aged 0 – 3 years old

Knockando Athletics Group £5,002.00 to install outdoor fitness equipment, suitable for all ages and abilities and free to use at any time

Moray Baby Bank £5,000.00 to purchase a washing machine, tumble drier, mattresses, car seats, and for rent and operating costs

Kinloss Military Wives Choir £2,210.00 to replace the choir's broken keyboard and inadequate microphones

Emma and Ashley Donald £1,000.00 to assist with the cost of extra badminton coaching and competitions

Total Awards made 2019 - £154,625

Total Awards made 2018 - £175,578

Total Awards made 2017 - £189,171

Total Awards made 2016 - £163,313

Total Awards made 2015 - £207,726

Total Awards made 2014 - £ 80,627